

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
(Reissue Application)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed in patent number 5,509,546, granted April 23, 1996, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**MAGNETICALLY-ACTUATED COUPLER FOR MODEL RAILROAD CARS**  
the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partially inoperative or invalid, by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent. At least one excess or insufficiency in the claims is specified below.

Applicant discovered that issued claim 1 claims more than Applicant has a right to claim. A magnetically-actuated coupler assembly for a model railroad car having a pair of limit stops on the coupler head for limiting the movement of a coupler knuckle was known prior to applicant's invention.

The error described above arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

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DECLARATION

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint Ronald L. Panitch, Registration No. 22,825; William W. Schwarze, Registration No. 25,918; Alan S. Nadel, Registration No. 27,363; Leslie L. Kasten, Jr., Registration No. 28,959; Joel S. Goldhammer, Registration No. 22,130; John Jamieson, Jr., Registration No. 29,546; Martin G. Belisario, Registration No. 32,886; Lynda L. Calderone, Registration No. 35,837; Steven H. Meyer, Registration No. 37,189; Randolph J. Huis, Registration No. 34,626; Clark A. Jablon, Registration No. 35,039; Christopher Egolf, Registration No. 27,633; Kathryn Doyle Leary, Registration 36,317; Gary D. Colby, Registration No. 40,961; and Catherine M. Joyce, Registration No. 40,668, as my attorneys or agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Patent No.:	5,509,546	: Examiner:
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Title:	Magnetically-Actuated Coupler For	: Attorney Docket
	Model Railroad Cars	: No. 7311-24RE

**REVOCATION AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY**

The undersigned states that he/she is authorized to sign the document on behalf of the assignee of the above application, that the evidentiary documents relating to the assignment of the above application have been reviewed, and he/she certifies that, to the best of assignee's knowledge and belief, title to the above application is in assignee by virtue of assignment(s) recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 20, 1996 at Reel 8231, starting at Frame 0460.

Bachmann Industries, Inc., assignee of the above application, by its undersigned representative, hereby revokes all previous Powers of Attorney and appoints Ronald L. Panitch, Registration No. 22,825; William W. Schwarze, Registration No. 25,918; Alan S. Nadel, Registration No. 27,363; Leslie L. Kasten, Jr., Registration No. 28,959; Joel S. Goldhammer, Registration No. 22,130; John Jamieson, Jr., Registration No. 29,546; Martin G. Belisario, Registration No. 32,886; Lynda L. Calderone, Registration No. 35,837; Steven H. Meyer, Registration No. 37,189; Randolph J. Huis, Registration No. 34,626; Clark A. Jablon, Registration No. 35,039; Christopher Egolf, Registration No. 27,633; Kathryn Doyle Leary, Registration No. 36,317; Gary D. Colby, Registration No. 40,961; and Catherine M. Joyce, Registration No. 40,668, as its attorneys or agents with full power of substitution and revocation,

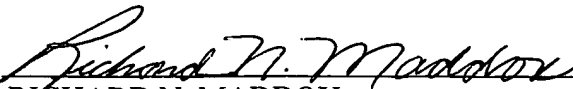
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